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## Prepare for Kindergarten Roundup with Texas.gov

Order certified birth certificates online for the 2014/2015 school year

AUSTIN, Texas – February 26, 2014. With kindergarten roundup approaching, <u>Texas.gov</u> is reminding all parents of incoming kindergartners that you can order your child's certified birth certificate online via the <u>Texas.gov Vital Records Application</u>. This official service, offered in conjunction with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), offers easy-to-follow instructions in English or Spanish for a highly secure, convenient experience. The price of an online birth certificate order is \$22, the same as a walk-in or mail order, and much less expensive than other unofficial online sources.

The response from parents that have already used this online service has been very positive with comments such as, "This request for my son's birth certificate was as smooth, easy and seamless as I could ever have hoped for," "Thank you for allowing online ordering of documents while still keeping my child's information secure," and "Everything was very clear to read and understand and the explanations were very thorough."

In addition to ordering birth certificates, you can also use the online application to request marriage and divorce verifications, as well as certified death certificates. All online vital record orders are fulfilled by DSHS. For a quick demonstration of this online application, check out the <a href="Texas.gov YouTube">Texas.gov YouTube</a> channel where you can watch a short video with step-by-step instructions.

<u>Texas.gov</u> is a convenient, fuel-efficient way to complete many other government services online too – <u>pay CHIP enrollment fees</u>, <u>renew a vehicle registration</u> or <u>driver license</u>, <u>order driver records</u>, and <u>much more</u>. With 1,000+ online services, secure payment processing and friendly 24/7 customer service, make things easier on yourself and your schedule by taking it online with Texas.gov.

### **About Texas.gov**

Texas.gov is the official website of the state of Texas (www.texas.gov) and is a collaborative

public/private partnership managed by the <u>Department of Information Resources (DIR)</u>. <u>Texas.gov</u> helps state and local government entities Web-enable their services and operates without tax funds through a partnership between the state and <u>Texas NICUSA</u>, <u>LLC</u>. Texas NICUSA builds, operates, maintains, and markets Texas.gov and is part of eGovernment firm <u>NIC's</u> (NASDAQ: EGOV) family of companies. Since its launch in 2000, Texas.gov has securely processed more than 201 million financial transactions and collected more than \$30 billion on behalf of participating entities.

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